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EXCALIBUR



WAGING WAR
WITH THE

AVENGERS
WEST COAST

50
YEARS



OR
CAPTAIN AMERICA

1941 - 1991

THE POWERFUL CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THE SHAPE-CHANGING MEGGAN, THE INTANGIBLE SHADOWCAT, THE SWASHBUCKLING NIGHTCRAWLER, THE MYSTERIOUS PHOENIX, THE EVER-UNPREDICTABLE WIDGET AND LOCKHEED THE DRAGON FORGED IN THE FIRES OF THEIR TRAGIC PASTS. THEY HAVE Banded TOGETHER TO FIGHT A MODERN DAY CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL!

EXCALIBUR

THEY COMPRISE TWO OF EARTH'S MOST POWERFUL SUPER-TEAMS...

BUT WILL EVEN THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF EXCALIBUR AND AVENGERS WEST BE ENOUGH TO PROTECT THEIR WORLD...

FROM THE THREAT OF DR. DOOM... HE WHO WIELDS THE SOULSHIELD?

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND... EXCALIBUR LEFT FOR MAGIC'S LIMO OVER TEN MINUTES AGO.

WAITING IS THE WORST PART.

RRRRUMBLE

BUT THIS SUDDEN ONIUS RUMBLING RUNS A CLOSE SECOND.

CAPTAIN BRITAIN

IRON MAN

SHADOWCAT

WONDER MAN

NIGHTCRAWLER

TIGRA

PHOENIX

SCARLET WITCH

MEGGAN

QUICKSILVER

EXCALIBUR OF ENGLAND

AVENGERS OF THE WEST COAST

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EH? I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH
W.H.O.X AND EXCALIBUR LONG
ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE A
DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY!

I HAVE TO CONCEDE--
THIS HAS WAITING
BEAT, HANDS DOWN!

* THE WEIRD HAPPENINGS ORGANIZATION -- T.K.

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE
OTHER - DIMENSIONAL
WORLD ONCE KNOWN
AS LIMBO...

MAYBE WE CAN
TALK THIS OUT
A BIT-- FIND
A WAY TO
BURY OUR
DIFFERENCES?

I SAY
THREE
"NAY!"

SHHNE

AND I SAY
"DOUBLE
NAY!"

WOP

MOMENTS AGO X, DR. DOOM BATTLED
EXCALIBUR FOR THE RIGHT TO STRIP-
MINE THIS DIMENSION OF THE
MAGICAL METAL KNOWN AS
PROMETHIUM.

DOOM TROUNCED
THEM.

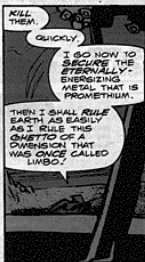
SEVERELY.

THEN HIS
REINFORCEMENTS
ARRIVED...

* LAST ISSUE, CURTINE. -- T.K.

THE ONLY
THING
WHAT WE
PLANS ON
BURYIN'--
--IS
YOUSE!

LOUPHNE



--MAGIC?

BEHOLD, AVENGERS OF THE WEST--
JUST AS I FORESPOKE, ALREADY
THE DESTRUCTION OF ENGLAND
HAS BEGUN!

IT'S NOT AS THOUGH
ANYONE DON'T BELIEVE
YOU, LADY OF THE
LAKE.

IT WAS THE
ONLY REASON
WE AGREED TO
TRAVEL HALF-
WAY AROUND THE
WORLD VIA YOUR
ELEMENTAL
WATER POWERS

I HATE
WATER!

AM I RIGHT
IN ASSUMING
YOU ARE AN
INNOCENT
BYSTANDER?

ACTUALLY, IT'S
BEEN YEARS
SINCE I'VE
BEEN
INNOCENT...

YOUR REPULSOR
RAYS ARE
USELESS, IRON
MAN--

--THIS PORTAL
ABSORBS ONLY
MASS!

SAY NO
MORE!
TIGHT!

SEVERAL HUGE CHUNKS
OF THE GREATER ISLE
OF BRITAIN COMING
RIGHT UP, WONDER MAN.

WITH ANY LUCK, WE'LL
BE ABLE TO OVER-
LOAD THE GATEWAY
WITH TOO MUCH
MASS AT ONE TIME!

AVENGERS MAKE
THEIR OWN LUCK. IRON
MAN, BETWEEN THE
LADY'S MAGIC AND
MY PROBABILITY-
ALTERING HEX-
SPHERE--



ALAS, I FEAR
THIS MAY ALL BE
FOR NAUGHT.

DEFINE
"NAUGHT"?

THIS IS BUT ONE OF
FIVE DIMENSIONAL
PORTALS SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT THE
EVERMYSTICAL
REALM OF ENGLAND.

...WE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
CLOSE IT UP...

...FOR
NOW!

IN ORDER TO SECURE HIS BELOVED
PROMETHIUM, IT WILL BE NECESSARY
FOR DOOM TO COLLAPSE
OTHERPLACE IN UPON ITSELF.



SO, BECAUSE NATURE ABHORS
A VACUUM, THE ENTIRE COUNTRY
OF ENGLAND WILL BE RULED
THROUGH THE PORTALS TO
FILL THE VOID OF THIS
OTHERPLACE --

--WHICH WE, IN OUR IGNORANCE,
FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS
MAGIK'S LIMBO?

EXACTLY.

QUICKSILVER,
WHO'S YOUR
FRIEND?



EXCUSE MY MANNERS, I'M
DR. ALISTAIRE STEWART--
A CONFIDANT OF HER
MAJESTY'S GREATEST
SUPER-TEAM, EXCALIBUR.

THIS WOULD BE THE
SAME EXCALIBUR
THAT PROVIDED DOOM
WITH THE SOULSHARD?

YOU THINK
NEVER MADE
A MISTAKE?

IF YOU'RE
PREPARED TO DEPART...?



SOMEONE
TELL ME I'M
ASLEEP.

OUT ON A LIMBO

THAT I DIDN'T
HELP DOOM
ENTER LIMBO.

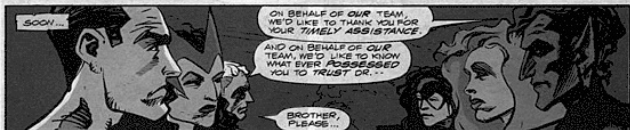
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
THAT WE'RE NOT BEING
RESCUED BY THE
AVENGERS.

BRIAN'S
GONNA
KILL ME.

BOOK TWO OF
"THE PROMETHIUM EXCHANGE"

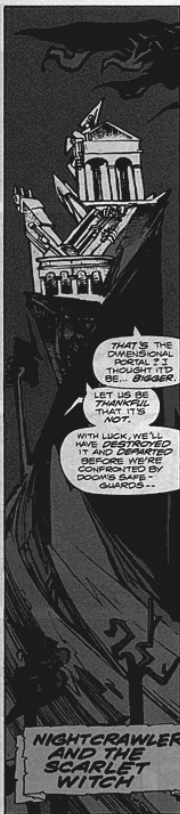
LOBDELL/BADGER/ SPIKE
VANCATA / KAVANASH/DE FALCO

EXCALIBUR CREATED BY
CLAREMONT AND DAVIS









THAT'S THE
DIMENSIONAL
PORTAL ? I
THOUGHT IT'D
BE... BIGGER.

LET US BE
THANKFUL
THAT IT'S
NOT.

WITH LUCK, WE'LL
HAVE DESTROYED
IT AND DEPARTED
BEFORE WE'RE
CONFRONTED BY
DOOM'S SAFE-
GUARDS --

**NIGHTCRAWLER
AND THE
SCARLET
WITCH**



HOW
DISAPPOINTING.

ONE WOULD THINK DOOM'S
SUBCONSCIOUS WOULD
HAVE BEEN MORE
CREATIVE WHEN
DESIGNING DEMONS.

UNDER HIS RULE, THESE
ARE LITTLE MORE THAN
DR. STRANGE AND MR.
FANTASTIC DOGPEL-
GANGERS.

THEN
AGAIN--

--MAYHAD
NOT!

YOU MUTATES DON'T
SERIOUSLY POSTULATE
WE'D LEAVE THIS
PORTAL UNSGUARDED?

NOT
SERIOUSLY,
NEIN.



"DOGPELGANGER?"

SPRECHEN
SIE DEUTSCH,
FRAULEIN ? *

JA, WOHL
NATURLICH,
MEIN HEIR. *

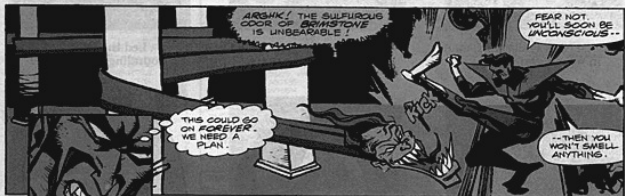
YOU SPEAK GERMAN, M'AM ?

**YES, NATURALLY, SIR. "



BY THE HOSTESS OF
HOSTESS! IS THAT
ANCIENT GIBBERISH
THOU DOTTH SPOUT?!

CLOSE... IT WAS GERMAN.
AND IF YOU WERE
RAISED IN EUROPE LIKE
KURT AND MYSELF, YOU'D
BE BILINGUAL AS WELL.





SORRY.

I SAID "WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE WITH MY PARTNER?"

BY THE ETERNAL FRUSTRATION, SPEAK ENGLISH--WHP

AND I REPLIED, "OKAY BY ME."



WHAT--?!

IT'S CALLED A HEX BOLT.

IT CAUSES A ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE TO ACTUALLY HAPPEN.

EXAMPLE; WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ODDS ARE THAT YOUR BODY WOULD SNAP LIKE A RUBBER BAND?



BETTER THAN I THOUGHT--WHP--

KCHING

AND WE'RE OFF.

NOW, ONE MORE HEX BOLT TO DESTROY THE PORTAL...

LET'S PRAY THE OTHERS ARE FARING AS WELL.



MEGGAN AND IRON MAN

IRON MAN-- ARE THOSE DEMONS BASED ON ANYONE IN PARTICULAR?

YOU DON'T GET OUT MUCH, DO YOU, MAM?

I'M "THE HUMAN TORCH" AND MY FRIEND HERE IS "THE SILVER SURFER."

DON'T BOTHER MEMORIZING THEIR NAMES, MEGGAN... IN A MOMENT, THEY'LL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A BAD SET OF MEMORIES.

WE HAVE TO TAKE THESE TWO OUT QUICKLY AND DESTROY THAT PORTAL BEFORE ALL OF ENGLAND IS PULLED THROUGH INTO HERE!



READY TO FRY,
FLESHLINGS?
HUH?!

I'M A
SHAPE-SHIFTER,
DEMON.

I HAVE NO
PROBLEM
FIGHTING
FIRE WITH
FIRE.



FAIR ENOUGH--BUT
HOW LONG CAN ONE
STAND AGAINST
THE POWER
COMING?

ARGH! INTERCEPTED
THE BLAST IN TIME--BUT
IT'LL TAKE A MOMENT
FOR MY ARMOR TO
RECOVER!



AS AN ELEMENTAL
IN A DIMENSION OF
PURE MAGIC, MY
SHAPE-SHIFTING
POWERS ARE AT
THEIR PEAK.



WUPE! IS IT JUST ME,
OR ARE WE GETTING
SMALLER?

I
FEAR
SO.

THE POWER COSMIC
INCLUDES THE ABILITY
TO SHRINK BIOLOGICAL
MATTER.

SO WHY DON'T
YOU THINK OF
IT FIRST?
I WAS FIGHTING
THOU MAN--HART'S
YOUR EXCUSE?

HOW SMALL
AM WE GOING
TO GET
ANYWAY?

VERY
SMALL

CAN YOU
BE MORE
SPECIFIC?

DOES THE PHRASE
"MUSCULAR BONDING"
MEAN ANYTHING?



SHALL
WE?

WE
SHALL.

THEN WE'RE OFF
TO MEET THE
OTHERS AND STOP
DOOM!



...AND I SAY THERE
CAN ONLY BE ONE
WOLVERINE-- AND
I'M IT!

I AIN'T PRETTY AT
WHAT I DO, BUT AT
LEAST I'M THE ONE
THAT DOES IT!

SHADOWCAT AND TIGRA

THIS IS RIDICULOUS--
THEY'RE ARGUING OVER
WHICH ONE IS GOING
TO BE WOLVERINE.

BUBS, MAYBE WE CAN
STOP THIS DEBATE LONG
ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT
HOW THIS BOULDER
MANAGED TO BLOCK
THE GATEWAY! X

* COURTESY OF THE AVENGERS
ON PAGE #15--SHORT TERM -
MEMORY TERRY.



WHO CARES HOW
IT GOT THERE?!!
WE'LL JUST UNGET
IT!



WHAT DO YOU THINK
HAPPENS AFTER
THEY REMOVE THE
BOULDER?

I'VE SEEN
IT FIRST HAND.

IT GETS
UGLY.



LSNIFF
SNIFF

DOES ANYONE
BESIDES ME
SMELL... A
KITTY?



TWO
ACTUALLY.

STEP AWAY FROM
THE PORTAL AND
NO ONE WILL GET
HURT.

NOBODY THREATENS
WOLVERINE AND LIVES
TO TELL ABOUT IT!



I KNEW
WOLVERINE.

WOLVERINE WAS A
PERSONAL FRIEND
OF MINE.



AND YOU
ARE NO
WOLVERINE!

OR YOU WOULD HAVE
PREPARED YOURSELF
AGAINST THESE
NINJA TECHNIQUES
HE TAUGHT ME.

AH YES, IT'S
ALL COMING
BACK TO
ME NOW.



THIS IS
EMBARRASS-
ING.

I'M GLAD
TO HEAR
YOU SAY
THAT.

I THOUGHT
IT WAS
JUST ME.



HAVE TO TIME
THIS JUST RIGHT--
KEEP HIM PHASED
UP UNTIL THE
MOMENT OF
IMPACT.

TIGRA!
CHUCK THEM
OVER HERE!



CLEVER, WO-- YOU
PHASED THEM ALL
INTO ONE GIANT
BALL!

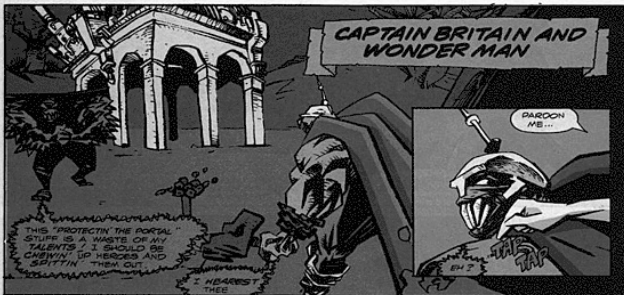
AND SINCE NO TWO
OBJECTS CAN EXIST
IN THE SAME PLACE
AT THE SAME TIME...



DUCK?

DUCK!

CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND WONDER MAN







NOTHING!



I DON'T NOT
BELIEVE IT!
BELIEVE
IT!

A BOLT OF LIGHT-
NING DOESN'T HAVE
MUCH EFFECT ON A
GUY WITH MY IONIC
BODY.



STAND THEE BACK! NO
RATIONAL MAN WOULDST
DARE FACE THE FULL
UNRETTED FURY OF
A THUNDER GOD!

IF I WAS A RATIONAL
MAN, I WOULDN'T
HAVE BECOME A
SUPER HERO.

HERE
HERE!

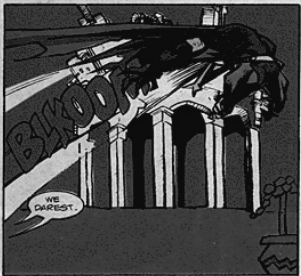
BESIDES...



... I BECAME DECIDEDLY IRRATIONAL
WHEN WOULD-BE WORLD DICTATORS
CALLOUSLY ENDANGER COUNTLESS
LIVES FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL
AGENDAS!

AND SINCE YOUR SACRED
"LORD DOOM" IS SAFELY
ENSCONCED IN HIS
CASTLE FOR THE MOMENT,
WE HAVE TO BE CONTENT
WITH TRASHING YOU.

ATTACK ME
IS THOU
DAREST...



WE
DAREST.



HERE'S ONE THAT
WOV'T BE USED
TO SUCK ALL OF
ENGLAND INTO THIS
DIMENSION.

THEN LET'S
REJOIN THE
OTHERS.

AND ON THE WAY,
I CAN TELL YOU
THE HERCULES
STORY.

PHOENIX AND QUICKSILVER

I THINK WE
LUCKED OUT,
QUICKSILVER...

SPARRING
WITH THE TWO
LAKEST DEMONS IN
THIS DIMENSION.

SO IT
WOULD
APPEAR...

THAT WAS SIMPLE
ENOUGH. ALL I HAD
TO DO WAS USE MY
PSI-POWER TO
MAKE HIM THINK HE
WAS ZAPPING ME...

...WHEN HE WAS
ACTUALLY FRYING
THE BRAIN OF HIS
FELLOW DEMON.

AS SIMPLICITY
IS THE ORDER
OF THE DAY...

...A PROFESSOR
X WHO
POSSESSES
MORE MASS
THAN MIND...

--AND AN
"INVISIBLE"
WOMAN WHO
IS TRANSLUCENT
AT BEST.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA
WHAT BEING INVISIBLE
DOES TO ONE'S SELF-
ESTEEM?

THOUGH I'M
CONFIDENT
I CAN KEEP
YOU BUSY--

"MPH?!"

--WITH MY
"TRANSLUCENT"
FORCE FIELDS--
LIKE SO--

OOOOH?!

MMMM--?!

MMMM--?!

MMMM

I WILL DISPATCH
THIS DEMON
WITH ALL DUE
HASTE.

WE COULD
HAVE PHONED
THIS BATTLE
IN.

THOUGH I
WONDER WHAT
AT&T WOULD
CHARGE--



--FOR THE DESTRUCTION
OF A DIMENSIONAL
GATEWAY?

SHE IS
ALIVE.



I DO NOT DOUBT
THAT THE REST
OF EXCALIBUR
ARE AS WELL.

NO
MATTER

BY THE TIME THEY
ARRIVE HERE AT
THE CASTLE, I
WILL HAVE
DESTROYED THIS
DIMENSION.

BUT I AM
CURIOUS,
DEMON...

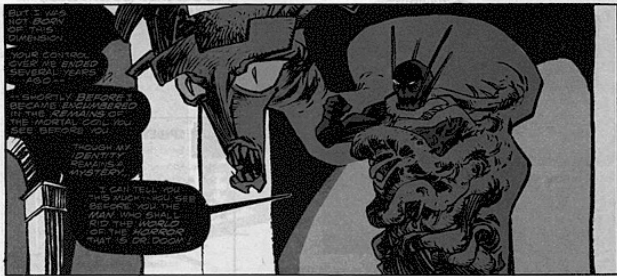


...HOW YOU MANAGED
TO LIE TO ME.

UNLIKE **BELASCO**,
OR THE CHILD NAMED
MAGICK, MY WILL
IS SUPREME OVER
EVERY DEMON WHO
DWELLS HEREIN.

EVEN THE DEMON LORD
NAMED **S.M.I.T.** HE HAS
RULED THE DEMONIC
WORLDS BEFORE YOUR
ARRIVAL -- HAS NOT
THE STRENGTH TO
OPPOSE YOU

*FORMER RULERS OF LIMBO-TK



BUT I WAS
NOT BORN
OF THIS
DIMENSION.

YOUR CONTROL
OVER ME DATED
SEVERAL YEARS
AGO --

--SHORTLY BEFORE I
BECAME ENMESHED
IN THE REMAINS OF
THE MORTAL COIL YOU
SEE BEFORE YOU.

THOUGH MY
IDENTITY
REMAINS A
MYSTERY.

I CAN TELL YOU
THIS MUCH -- YOU SEE
BEFORE YOU THE
MAN WHO SHALL
RID THE WORLD
OF THE HORROR
THAT IS OR DOOM.



THEN I
SUGGEST
YOU DO IT
QUICKLY

IN MOMENTS I SHALL
PLUNGE THE MAGICAL
SOULSWORD INTO THE
VERY HEART OF THIS
DIMENSION.

EVERY GRAIN OF
SAND-- EVERY
LIVING CREATURE
NATIVE TO
OTHERPLACE--
WILL REVERT TO
ITS NATURAL
STATE OF
PROMETHIUM.

IRONIC, ISN'T IT?
THE DEATH OF ONE
DIMENSION WILL
HERALD THE BIRTH
OF A NEW ERA FOR
ANOTHER.

FOR AS SOLE POSSESSOR
OF THE PROMETHIUM, IT
WILL ONLY BE A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE I AT
LAST REIGN SUPREME
OVER ALL OF EARTH.



THERE IS MUCH
I DARE, DEMON--

...OF WHICH TURNING
MY BACK ON YOU IS
THE LEAST.



YOU THOUGHT
PERHAPS
I WAS...
EXAGGERATING?

SKBA-BA-BLAM

IT'S OVER,
DOOM--

--THE
JIG
IS UP!

ON THE
CONTRARY...

IT IS A MOMENT
OF TERROR...

...AS A HANDFUL OF THE
WORLD'S MIGHTIEST
HEROES--

--REALIZE THEY ARE...
TOO LATE--

...THE "JIG" HAS
ONLY JUST BEGUN!

CONCLUDES
NEXT ISSUE



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Dear Sword Strokes,

I just received EXCALIBUR #32 and would like to say, "Welcome back, Chris!" It has indeed been a while since we have seen Mr. Claremont in the pilot's chair on this book.

I have been a devoted fan of EXCALIBUR from day one and I admit that lately I have worried about its future. Since the end of the "Cross-Time Caper" the book has largely lacked direction. The artistry has, on occasion, been such as to make it difficult to recognize the characters. And the issues have, for too long now, been too independent of each other and lacked continuity.

I think (and hope) that this is changing. The last couple of issues have captured some of the magic that of late the book has lacked. Issue #32 gives hope that the stories will again start to link up together.

I have been a fan of Mr. Claremont's writing since I read my first X-MEN and hope that he will be giving more attention to EXCALIBUR again. It is a book with a lot of potential and I hope that it is not denied it. I started reading the book for three reasons: Nightcrawler, Kitty and Chris (not necessarily in that order). Later I found that I loved all the characters and that Chris had developed a team of heroes with a somewhat light-hearted way of dealing with evil. Besides that, he gave them problems that are all too common; Brian's drinking, Meggan's indecision about Brian and Kurt, and many others which make the characters as believable as Mr. Jones down the street.

So until Kurt changes his code name to "Fuzzy Elf," Make Mine Marvel!

Chad B. Hale
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We think that every team who puts together EXCALIBUR works magic, Chad! Glad to hear you enjoy Chris's stories and characters, though!

Dear People at EXCALIBUR,

I have been reading EXCALIBUR since the beginning of the series way back in EXCALIBUR Special Edition #1 where they faced The Technet in the first time and decided to band together. I continued buying the series because I saw great potential in it.

It has reached its 32nd issue and I have liked most of the stories I've read, but this issue's story wasn't too much to my liking. We open with yet another version of Excalibur shown in battle against some Nazis in London with four of its members being just teenagers that need to be chastised by their leader, a musclebound woman in a Captain Britain suit (which I hated to see). This later is seen to be the dream product of the Prime Minister's mind, and we see Mesmero behind it for reasons I think we'll see in the next few issues.

I think I like the idea of Kitty attending school in England, but I think a "ladies" school will prove to be tough to handle, and will lack in providing some other things in which Kitty needs to be educated. Does Courtney have some ulterior motive for wanting Kitty to stay there?

Sometime back, I saw a version of Opal Luna Saturnyne take Courtney Ross's place. Is she still doing so? With what purpose, might I ask? Also, I'd like to see Excalibur defeat Jamie Braddock for once.

See you around!

Wey West
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Seems lots of you out there would like the Courtney Ross/Opal Luna Saturnyne identity issue cleared up! So, Wey, Courtney Ross and Opal Luna Saturnyne are one and the same... sort of.

Dear Sword Strokes,

I love "Girls School From Heck!" I know from experience that it's tough to fit into a new high school and if you're an American in a British school, it'd be much worse. Add to it that this school is the equivalent of a reform school for upper class girls, and it'd be really tough! I think you've come up with a wonderful cast of supporting characters (especially Huntsman and Miss Rutherford) who are just what you'd expect to find there. It ap-

pears Kitty was right when she said that within a term she'd be running things, since the other girls are adopting her plan to save the school. Of course, I'm sure none of your readers ever doubted for a minute who was going to end up in charge. I can't wait to see the "Cheerleading Squad From Heck."

While I certainly want Kitty out of there and back with Excalibur, I hope you don't completely drop St. Seafair's. It'd be nice to see it or some of the girls from there show up in the future.

I really liked you showing Kitty practicing her martial arts skills. I don't think you've shown her using them enough when battling villains. Anyone trained by Wolverine and Ogun, who can materialize the instant before striking and then become immaterial the instant after, would be formidable in a fight.

By the way, when is Excalibur going to learn that the X-Men are still alive? It must be impossible for them not to have heard since the situation in Genosha must be making the international news in most countries. I expect there'll be some real celebrating in Excalibur when they learn, considering the strong ties between the two teams!

I'm sure you must have been planning an issue months before it sees print, so I trust if you haven't already started on EXCALIBUR #50, you soon will. Please make it a collector's item (I collect them all and the other mutant books anyway).

Now to return to some old themes of mine from previous letters. Make Kitty pick up the SoulSword! Have her take over leadership of Excalibur over the next two or three years!

Brook Hoagland
S + T Trt 100 RR3
Hazen, ND 58545

Well, Brock, hope the current SoulSword story is just what you ordered!

Now on to the question everyone wants to know the answer to! Okay — Phoenix knows that the X-Men are alive. But she hasn't been herself lately, and when Alan Davis returns to the book, you'll find out why!

Relax, though, for over the next few issues you'll see Excalibur and the X-Men reunited... sort of. But watch out! The reactions, especially Kitty's, may not be what you expect!

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